



Ministry of the
Attorney
General

Professional Organizations Committee

In April 1976, the Attorney General of Ontario requested a study of the administration of certain statutes dealing with professional and self-governing organizations. The aim of the study is to suggest legislation setting the legal framework within which these professions are to operate. A ministerial committee has been established to undertake this task. The particular statutes to be reviewed are as follows:

1. The Architects Act
2. The Law Society Act
3. The Notaries Act
4. The Professional Engineers Act
5. The Public Accountancy Act

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference include the following specific matters:

1. The appropriateness of the existing division of functions and jurisdiction of these professional groups, for instance, the appropriateness of the dividing line between architecture and engineering in the design of buildings;
2. the possible creation of new professional groups and sub-groups or the amalgamation of groups within these professions; for instance, the possible abolition of the existing divisions between chartered accountants and accredited public accountants;
3. the need for recognition and definition of the roles of para-professionals, such as law clerks and engineering technologists, and the appropriateness of the possible creation of new governing bodies for these groups;
4. the amount of control these professional groups should have over the training and certification of their members;
5. the appropriateness of permitting members of these professions to incorporate their practices;
6. any incidental questions raised by the foregoing issues.

These Terms of Reference were supplemented on November 1, 1976 as follows:

The appropriateness of the requirement of Canadian citizenship or British subject status as a condition of membership in a professional body.

Activities

THE STUDY HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE JUNE 1976.

AMONG THE SEVERAL POLICY ISSUES BEING STUDIED ARE:

- THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF FUNCTIONS IN SPECIFIC PROFESSIONS
- SPECIALIZATION OF PROFESSIONALS
- THE ROLE OF PARA-PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS
- INCORPORATION OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES
- MIXED FORMS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- THE EMPLOYED PROFESSIONAL
- CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND IMMIGRATION OF PROFESSIONALS
- THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE WRITE FOR A BROCHURE:

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